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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition filed September 25, 2001, to accord the above-identified application a filing date of July 27, 2001, instead of July 28, 2001.

The petition is **granted**.

Petitioner has submitted the result of a search of an USPS database indicating the instant application was deposited with the USPS at 4:49pm on July 27, 2001.

Therefore, the application will be accorded a filing date of July 27, 2001.

**In the future, any petition under 37 CFR 1.10 should be accompanied by a copy of the express mail label.**

The file is now being forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination to accord the application a filing date of July 27, 2001, and to treat petitioner's request to correct the Domestic Priority data. The file will then be forwarded to Technology Center 1600 for examination in due course.

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